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Rockville is ranked in the top 20 for the fourth straight year.

## Rockville Ranks High on Best Places to Live List

*Livability.com Ranking is the Latest Accolade*

Rockville is No. 13 on Livability.com's latest list of the Top 100 Best Places to Live. It's the fourth straight year Rockville has ranked in the top 20.

Livability determines their rankings by using 40 data points, including measures of economics, housing, amenities, infrastructure, demographics, social and civic capital, education and health care.

Find the full rankings at <http://livability.com/best-places/top-100-best-places-to-live/2017>.

Among the city's attractions mentioned by Livability.com are its 65 parks, which put over 1,000 acres of parkland within the city's 13.6 square miles and each home within a short walk of a park.

Rockville is the ninth most diverse city in America, according to WalletHub, with more than one-third of the city's residents born outside the United States, and offers a wide range of cultural opportunities and

special events, including the annual Hometown Holidays Music Fest in Rockville Town Center. The city also offers a wide variety of recreation programs, classes and activities for all ages, a swim and fitness center, nature center, senior center and three neighborhood community centers.

This quality of living is reflected in other recent national rankings, including a No. 1 ranking on Livability.com's 2016 list of "Best Cities for Families." Rockville also ranked seventh on Movoto.com's list of "Best Places Near Washington, D.C., for Young Professionals," sixth on its list of "Best Washington, D.C., Suburbs," and seventh on Goodcall.com's list of "Best Places for Women Entrepreneurs." The city also routinely appears on best places lists compiled by publications such as "Money" magazine, "U.S. News & World Report" and "Bloomberg Businessweek." ❖

## First Meeting Planned for Stonestreet Corridor Study

A kickoff meeting for the Stonestreet corridor is scheduled for 7 p.m., Tuesday, May 2 at Lincoln Park Community Center, 357 Frederick Ave. Attendees can learn about and provide input on the study's purpose, its timeline and the process, and how to be involved and give feedback over the course of the study.

The study will identify key sites for action, short- and long-term implementation steps, and seek to strengthen relationships through finding consensus and

balance with neighborhoods, business owners and tenants in the corridor area. The 150-acre study area roughly covers the east and west sides of North and South Stonestreet avenues, from Westmore Road to the north to where South Stonestreet Avenue ends to the south.

Visit [www.rockville.md.gov/stonestreetstudy](http://www.rockville.md.gov/stonestreetstudy) to receive email updates about the project. For more information, contact Andrea Gilles at 240-314-8273 or [agilles@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:agilles@rockvillemd.gov). ❖

## Rockville Police Provide Greater Transparency in Latest Annual Crime Report

*Crimes Against People and Property Continue Downward Trend*

The Rockville City Police Department's annual report offers analysis and statistics not provided in previous reports, and details a 9.1 percent overall increase in crime in 2016 that was due largely to a spike in auto thefts and several Part II crimes.

The year-over-year increase is in contrast to a 35.5 percent decrease in crimes against people and property – so-called Part I crimes – between 2005 and 2016.

The report, which will be included in an annual report published by the Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments each summer, includes a new section focused on transparency that provides information about use-of-force incidents and complaint cases. Also new is a summary of warrants served, guns seized and other data contained in internal affairs reports.

RCPD's 59 officers responded to 23,218 calls for service in 2016, or three out of every four calls to city or county police.

Crime data is listed as Part I or Part II offenses. Part I crimes

are crimes against people (murder, rape, robbery, assault) or property (burglary, larceny, theft and arson). Part II crimes include simple assault, curfew offenses, loitering, embezzlement, forgery and counterfeiting, disorderly conduct, driving under the influence, drug and alcohol offenses, fraud, gambling, vandalism, and weapons offenses.

From 2015 to 2016, reports of Part I offenses decreased by 4.7 percent, while Part II crimes increased by 21.7 percent. The largest increase was a 48.5 percent spike in auto thefts, which followed a dramatic decrease in auto thefts in 2015. The city saw decreases in aggravated assaults, robberies, burglaries, and larcenies.

The number of reported rapes increased by one, to 24. Aggravated assaults decreased from 35 to 29. There were two homicides. In both cases the suspects have been arrested and charged.

Read the full report and learn more about the department at [www.rockvillemd.gov/police](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/police). ❖

## City Hall to Close for Memorial Day

Rockville City Hall and most city facilities will be closed Monday, May 29 for Memorial Day.

Recycling, yard waste and refuse collection will be made one day later throughout the week. Find more information at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recycling-refuse).

The following Rockville facilities are closed May 29:

- Croydon Creek Nature Ctr.
- F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre and box office. Tickets are available at [www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/theatre).
- Glenview Mansion, including the mansion's art gallery.
- Lincoln Park, Thomas Farm and Twinbrook community centers.
- Rockville Senior Center.

The Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's indoor pool and fitness center will be open 11 a.m.-9 p.m. The outdoor pools open at noon. Due to the city's Memorial Day parade, access to Martins Lane and the center's parking lot will be restricted until after noon. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/swim](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/swim) center for pool schedules.

Parking fees at city-owned meters will be suspended for the day.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-5000. ❖



**BIG TRUCKS AND BIG FUN... Celebrate National Public Works Week with the Department of Public Works Equipment Show on Thursday, May 25 in the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor pool parking lot. Learn more about the show, and what else Rockville is celebrating in May, on page 4.**

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## Bike Rack Grants Available for Businesses

Bicycle parking means business. Studies show that businesses with bicycle parking near their storefront get a measurable sales boost.

Business owners who lack bicycle parking near their shop or office could qualify for a rack — provided and installed for free by the City of Rockville — under the city's Bike Rack Grant Program. Learn more about the program and find an application by visiting [www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling) and selecting "Bicycle Parking."

Residents interested in seeing bicycle parking at specific locations can direct business owners to the website. For more information, contact Rockville's bicycle and pedestrian coordinator at 240-314-8527 or [bikeways@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:bikeways@rockvillemd.gov).

## Gear Up for Bike to Work Day

Not only is riding a bike a cheaper, more environmentally friendly alternative to your daily commute, it's healthier and fun. Switch up your gas pedal for bicycle pedals on Bike to Work Day, from 6:30-9 a.m., Friday, May 20. Or you could make it a monthlong celebration of Bike Month — see the listings on this page.

For Bike to Work Day, the city will host pit stops in Rockville Town Square and Falls Grove. More information and an interactive map of the locations can be found at [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

Rockville's YouTube channel has a series of safety tips for bicyclists, pedestrians and motorists. Navigate to [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville) and search for "safety tips."

Learn more about Bike to Work Day, Bike Month in May and bicycling and pedestrian safety at [www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling) and [www.rockvillemd.gov/pedestriansafety](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/pedestriansafety).

## Rockville Police to Participate in National Police Week

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to issue a proclamation on May 1 declaring the week of May 14-20 as National Police Week in Rockville.

National Police Week honors law enforcement officers who have lost their lives in the line of duty. As in past years, Rockville police will participate in events throughout the week, including a candlelight vigil May 13 on the National Mall in Washington, D.C., home of the National Law Enforcement Officers Memorial.

Officers will also attend the annual Montgomery County Law Enforcement Officers Memorial Service at 10:30 a.m., May 3 at the public safety memorial at county police headquarters in Gaithersburg.

Cpl. J. Pfahler will ride for the seventh time in the Police Unity Tour, a three-day, 250-mile bicycle ride between Richmond, Virginia, and the national memorial. Pfahler is riding in honor of three police officers who committed suicide in 2016. It is the third year that he has ridden to raise awareness for mental wellness and suicide prevention within the law enforcement community. Learn more at [www.policeunitytourchapter4.com](http://www.policeunitytourchapter4.com).

The Rockville Police Honor Guard and Motor Units will join units from around the country to provide escorts to family and friends of fallen officers from Reagan National Airport to hotels on May 11-12. This year, 10 Rockville officers will take part. "We are proud to honor our fallen brethren by assisting their families, who have sacrificed so much," said Sgt. Jon Berry, the unit's commander.

Learn more at [www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek](http://www.nleomf.org/programs/policeweek) and [www.rockvillemd.gov/police](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/police).

# Celebrate Bike Month in Rockville

## May is Bike Month: Head Out for a Spin

### Bike Month Kickoff Ride

10 a.m., Sunday, May 7  
Meet at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave.

Join Rockville officials and neighbors to celebrate National Bike Month. Pedal a casual 6-mile loop along multi-use trails and quiet residential streets to explore some of the city's extensive and diverse bicycling infrastructure. The route includes a few paths, bridges and tunnels.

### Tour de Cookie

7 a.m., Saturday, May 6  
Meet at Johns Hopkins University Montgomery County Campus, 9601 Medical Center Drive.

Join the Tree House CAC for a 12-, 27- or 43-mile bike ride to collect cookies and enjoy the scenery, while raising awareness of child abuse prevention. The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee will support this ride with marshals and mechanics. Register to ride at [www.tourdecookie.com](http://www.tourdecookie.com).

### Bike to School Day

Wednesday, May 10  
Ritchie Park Elementary School celebrates the benefits of biking and walking to school during National Bike to School Day, along with communities, schools and families around the country.

Find out more at [www.walkbiketoschool.org/ready/about-the-events/bike-to-school-day](http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/ready/about-the-events/bike-to-school-day).

### 11th Annual Rockville Ride of Silence

7 p.m., Wednesday, May 17  
Starts at Rockville Town Center (on Maryland Avenue).

Bring a helmet and bike for an hour-long police-escorted 10-mile ride through neighborhoods, as part of an international event that honors those killed or injured on a bicycle. Riders must be comfortable riding on the street with traffic and at about 10 mph.

Check [www.rideofsilence.org](http://www.rideofsilence.org) for additional information on this international event.

### National Bike to Work Day

9 a.m., Friday, May 19  
Pit stops in Rockville Town Center, Falls Grove and Twinbrook.  
Remember to use #btwd-



mc on Instagram and Twitter.

To find out more about Bike to Work Day throughout the D.C. region, visit [www.biketoworkmetrodc.org](http://www.biketoworkmetrodc.org).

### RBAC at the Farmers Market

10 a.m.-noon, Saturdays, May 13-July 29

Bring your bike to the farmers market for a safety check. (The market is in Rockville Town Center, at the corner of East Jefferson Street/MD 28 and Monroe Street.) See bicycling tips, including advice on maintenance, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bicycling).

Find information about the farmers market at [www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers).

### Tuesday Evening Rides

6:30 p.m., June 6-Aug. 29  
Suitable for families, including riders under 12 accompanied by an adult. Find out more at [www.facebook.com/bikerockville](http://www.facebook.com/bikerockville).

### Kidical Mass Family Ride

Saturday, June 10 • 10 a.m.  
Meet at Safeway in King Farm Village Center (403 Redland Blvd.).

Kidical Mass is a nationwide movement to get kids and their families out on bikes — whether in trailers, bicycle seats or on their own two wheels. The ride will be at the pace of the slowest rider, so the speed may be slow. The route travels a combination of shared-use trails, bike lanes and low-traffic residential streets.

### Carl Henn Millennium Trail Ride

10 a.m., Sunday, June 18  
Meet at Rockville Senior Center

The Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee meets from 7-9 p.m. on the first Wednesday of each month. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rbac), or by emailing [rockvillebikerides@gmail.com](mailto:rockvillebikerides@gmail.com).

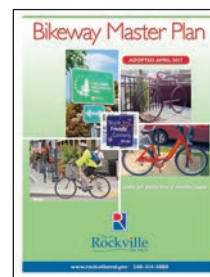
## Bike to the Future

*Mayor and Council Approve Vision for the Next Decade of Bicycling in Rockville*

The Mayor and Council on April 3 approved an update to the Rockville Bikeway Master Plan that seeks to guide planning of bicycle infrastructure over the next decade.

As part of the city's Comprehensive Master Plan, the plan establishes a vision of safe and efficient multimodal transportation within Rockville. It proposes 22 miles of new dedicated bicycle facilities and 19 miles of new shared roadway designations throughout the city.

Numerous recommendations have been implemented since the bikeway plan was last updated in 2004, including completion of the Carl Henn Millennium Trail, an 11-mile bicycle beltway around Rockville. The 2004 update laid the groundwork for an expansion to more than 34 miles of shared-use paths and more than 33 miles of shared roadway designa-



tions throughout the city. The latest update aims to build on that success by providing a starting point for construction projects that expand the existing bicycle network, improve safety and increase connections to all parts of the city for recreation, commuting and shopping.

The plan promotes cycling as a legitimate means of transportation that should be considered as part of urban design and in the planning of land use, transportation infrastructure and other major projects.

Find the plan, which includes specific recommendations for bicycle facilities and new crosstown bicycle routes, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/bikewaymasterplan](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/bikewaymasterplan).

## A Vision of Safer Streets for All Vision Zero Aims to Eliminate Traffic-Related Deaths

Rockville and Montgomery County are taking steps toward Vision Zero, an initiative with the goal of eliminating traffic-related deaths and serious injuries by designing safer streets, improving traffic law enforcement and increasing public education and outreach.

A Montgomery County Council resolution introduced last year launched the county's effort to develop a two-year Vision Zero action plan. The county's plan sets a date by which to achieve zero deaths, defines activities for county agencies to take to implement the plan, and recommends policy changes at state and local levels. Boston, New York, Los Angeles and Washington, D.C., have each adopted Vision Zero. The county held a meeting last month to discuss its efforts.

In 2016 in Montgomery County, seven pedestri-

ans and three bicyclists died in traffic-related crashes, according to the county's Department of Transportation.

The Washington Region Vision Zero Summit, on March 31 in Washington, D.C., brought together transportation planners and engineers, researchers, safety advocates and public officials to discuss how to build public support for the initiative and how to reach the goal.

Implementation of a plan for Rockville is a priority initiative for Rockville's Mayor and Council. "Vision Zero is a great goal to strive for and many of the recommended traffic safety concepts are already applied, when practicable, in Rockville," said Oleg Kotov, a senior transportation planner with the city who attended the summit. "The

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Watch [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville)



**FIND OUT WHAT'S COMING UP** in the next seven days with our weekly emailed guide to programs, events, classes and more — "This Week in Rockville." Be in the know: Sign up for the "This Week in Rockville" newsletter at [www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/thisweek).





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## Upcoming Meetings: Mondays, May 1, 15 and 22, and June 12 and 19, at 7 p.m.

Drop-in sessions are held monthly at 5:30 p.m. in the Mayor and Council office. No appointment necessary. Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton is joined by Councilmembers Virginia D. Onley on May 1 and Julie Palakovich Carr on June 19.

## Get Involved with the City

Stay informed of the business before city leaders and share your thoughts:

- **Follow the action in person:** Meetings are at 7 p.m. on most Mondays, at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., or follow from home on channel 11. Meetings are also available via live streaming, and on demand the day after the meeting, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11).
- **Stop by a drop-in session:** The mayor and one councilmember meet with community members one Monday each month from 5:30-6:30 p.m. Find the drop-in schedule at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil).
- **Speak at Community Forum** (up to three minutes): Community Forum is held during each Mayor and Council meeting. Priority is given to speakers who have signed up in advance by calling 240-314-8280 by 4 p.m. on the day of the meeting, and to those who are speaking on an agenda item.
- **Send an email** to [mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:mayorandcouncil@rockvillemd.gov).

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## Rockville's Diversity Discussion Continues in May

A Mayor and Council discussion on Monday, May 1 will revisit the success of the city's diversity town hall and continue celebrating Rockville's multicultural community.

The discussion, part of the 7 p.m. Mayor and Council meeting at City Hall, is a follow-up to a Feb. 9 town hall meeting on diversity that brought more than 150 people to the Rockville Senior Center.

Four themes that emerged from the town hall will be discussed at the May 1 meeting. They are:

- Promoting inclusion in the community and in city staff diversity, programming and outreach efforts.
- Supporting greater connectivity between the city government and the community, through continuing conversations and increased opportunities for community interaction with city police, with the Mayor and Council and with neighbors.
- Enhancing communication about services, initiatives, resources and events offered by the city government and by other organizations in Rockville.
- Engaging young people in dialogue about diversity and inclusion through education, youth activities and recreational programming.

These themes will guide next steps in celebrating diversity and supporting inclusion.

Rockville is the ninth most diverse city in America, according to WalletHub, with more than one-third of the city's residents born outside the United States. According to the U.S. Census Bureau's 2011-2015 American Community Survey, of the city's total population of 64,331:

- 20.5 percent are Asian.
- 15.7 percent are Hispanic or Latino.
- 9.8 percent are black.
- 43.2 percent speak a language other than English.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/diversitytownhall](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/diversitytownhall) to view a report of the comments shared at the diversity town hall meeting and to sign up to receive updates on Rockville's ongoing conversation about diversity in our city. ✦



Rockville will receive \$100,000 from a state bond bill for repairs to the historic King Farm Farmstead dairy barns.

## State Legislative Winners: Seniors, Youth, Roads and King Farm Dairy Barns

Increased funding for seniors, the protection of funding for youth services and state aid for repairs to the historic King Farm Farmstead dairy barns were among the wins for Rockville during the 2017 Maryland General Assembly session that concluded April 10.

Lawmakers approved legislation, backed by the city, to establish the Healthy Aging Program for seniors. The program enhances senior well-being programs and services in the state budget, and authorizes the state to accept funding for seniors from private sources and to apply for a broader array of federal grants. Rockville's population of seniors, age 65 and older, is 11,900 residents – 18 percent of the city's population.

The Fiscal Year 2018 state budget preserves funding for youth services bureaus. Rockville's Community Services Division, a youth service bureau partially funded

by the state, provides prevention and intervention services to at-risk youth. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/communityservices](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/communityservices).

Rockville also received \$1.4 million for road maintenance and small infrastructure improvement projects. This is the fifth consecutive year the state has provided such a one-time restoration in highway user revenue. Lawmakers failed to address a city priority of permanently restoring the funding, which was cut during the Great Recession.

A state bond bill will give the city \$100,000 for repairs and renovations to stabilize the historic King Farm Farmstead dairy barns. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarmfarmstead](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/kingfarmfarmstead).

For more details on the city's state legislative priorities, contact Linda Moran at [lmoran@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:lmoran@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8115. ✦



**JULIUS WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL'S NEW ADDITION...** Rockville's Mayor and Council and members of the Montgomery County Board of Education toured in April a new addition to Julius West Middle School that includes new athletic fields, classrooms, faculty rooms, a gym, a café and recreation areas, and safer vehicle and pedestrian access. The Mayor and Council partnered with MCPS to advocate for funding of the addition. The upgrade and expansion should accommodate projected enrollment for the next 20 years.



**STAY INFORMED:** The Mayor and Council meeting schedule and agendas can be found at [www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/mayorcouncil). Staff reports with background information are included with the agendas, which are posted several days before each meeting. Sign up at [www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/notifyme) to receive an email or text message when a new agenda is posted.

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- **Testify at a hearing** or in writing to [cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:cityclerk@rockvillemd.gov) or by mail to the City Clerk's Office, Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850.
- **Volunteer to be on a board or commission** at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions). (Learn more below.) Find other ways to give your time and talents to your community at [www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).

## Boards and Commissions

Meetings are at City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., unless otherwise noted. Please check [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) for the latest on cancellations and rescheduling.

- **May 2, June 6, Asian Pacific American Task Force** 7:30 p.m.
- **May 3, June 7, Rockville Bicycle Advisory Committee** 7 p.m.
- **May 4, 11, 18, 25; June 1, 8, 15, 22, 29 Development Review Committee** 9 a.m.
- **May 4, June 1 Environment Commission Meeting** 7 p.m.
- **May 6, June 3, Board of Appeals** 9 a.m.\*
- **May 9, June 13, Human Services Advisory Comm.** 6:30 p.m.
- **May 10, 24; June 14, 28, Planning Commission** 7 p.m.\*
- **May 14, June 14, Cultural Arts Commission** 7 p.m.
- **May 17, June 21, Rockville Sister City Corporation board** 7 p.m.
- **May 18, June 15, Senior Citizens Commission** 1 p.m. Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr.
- **May 18, June 15, Historic District Commission** 7:30 p.m.
- **May 24, June 28, Human Rights Commission** 7:30 p.m.
- **May 24, June 28, Rockville Housing Enterprises board** 6:30 p.m. (May: RHE, 621-A Southlawn Lane; June: David Scull Courts Comm. Ctr., 1133 First St.
- **May 31, Sign Review Board** 9 a.m.

\*Televised on Rockville 11.

Anyone interested in serving may write to the Mayor and Council at 111 Maryland Ave., Rockville, MD 20850, call 240-314-8280 or submit an expression of interest form at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions).

## Vacancies

The Mayor and Council are seeking applicants for the following boards and commissions:

- Board of Supervisors of Elections (1)
- Compensation Comm. (4)
- Cultural Arts Commission (1)
- Environment Commission (3)
- Ethics Commission (1)
- Financial Advisory Board (2)
- Historic District Comm. (1 alt.)
- Human Rights Commission (4)
- Human Services Advisory Comm. (1 caregiver, 1 at-large)
- Landlord Tenant Affairs Commission (1 reg., 1 alt.)
- Planning Commission (3)
- Senior Citizens Comm. (3)
- Sign Review Board (1; alt.)

For more, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boardscommissions) or call 240-314-8280.



## Mayor and Council to Adopt FY 2018 Budget on May 1

The Mayor and Council are scheduled to adopt the Fiscal Year 2018 budget during their meeting at 7 p.m. on Monday, May 1.

The \$129.4 million proposed FY18 operating budget, which covers the fiscal year that begins July 1, is an increase of 2.5 percent over FY 2017. The city's current real property tax rate of \$0.292 per \$100 of assessed valuation would remain the same for FY18.

The public record for testimony on the proposed budget is now closed. The Mayor and Council held three work sessions and three public hearings, and solicited budget ideas from the public through the city's website.

The May 1 Mayor and Council meeting will be televised live on channel 11 on county cable systems and available via live streaming at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville11). Meeting video is available on demand within two days of the meeting at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter).

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/) budget, or call the Finance Department at 240-314-8400.

## Drinking Water's Role and Rockville's Safety Goal

Drinking Water Week, May 7-13, recognizes the vital role water plays in daily life.

Rockville's latest efforts to provide safe, reliable drinking water include new chemical feed systems at the city's water treatment plant. The plant, on the banks of the Potomac River, supplies water to more than 46,000 people who live and work in Rockville. On March 21, the plant began full-time use of ferric chloride to coagulate organic compounds for removal from the river water, improving the quality of the city's drinking water.

Rockville's drinking water met or exceeded all drinking water quality regulations set by the Environmental Protection Agency, according to the city's most recent Annual Drinking Water Quality Report. Find it at [www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2016](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/annualwaterquality2016). The report, released July 1 of each year, details the source, treatment, distribution, safety and quality of the city's drinking water. Look for results of the 2017 report and more about Rockville's water system in the July/August "Rockville Reports."

Learn more about Drinking Water Week at <https://www.awwa.org>. Learn more about Rockville's drinking water at [www.rockvillemd.gov/water](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/water) and at the Department of Public Works Equipment Show on Thursday, May 25. For more on the show, see the article on this page.

## Month of Outreach Highlights Importance of Building Safety Codes

May is Building Safety Month, and this year's theme is "Code Officials — Community Safety and Economic Growth."

"Building Safety Month is a public awareness campaign to help individuals, families and businesses understand what it takes to create safe and sustainable structures," according to the International Code Council, which founded the monthlong outreach program. "The [2017] campaign reinforces the need for adoption of modern, model building codes, a strong and efficient system of code enforcement and a well-trained, professional workforce to maintain the system."

Most U.S. communities, including Maryland and the City of Rockville, have adopted and enforce ICC codes and standards.

Each week of May is dedicated to a different aspect of building safety:

- May 1-7: Mentoring the Next Generation of Building Professionals.

- May 8-14: Building Design Solutions for All Ages.
- May 15-21: Manage the Damage — Preparing for Natural Disasters.
- May 22-28: Investing in Technology for Safety, Energy and Water Efficiency.

Rockville's Inspection Services Division plans to attend and take part in training and outreach to various groups and organizations throughout the community to raise the level of overall building safety awareness.

"Building Safety Month is a great platform and opportunity to highlight this important awareness to all stakeholders as an outreach effort," Chief of Inspection Services Robbie Sabbakhan said.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/inspectionsservices](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/inspectionsservices) to learn more about the Inspection Services Division, and [www.buildingsafetymonth.org](http://www.buildingsafetymonth.org) for information on Building Safety Month. ✚

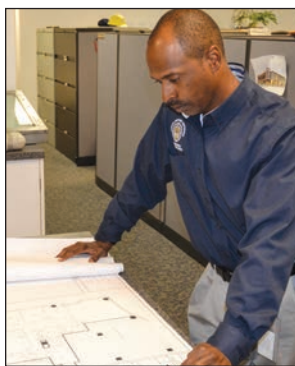
## New Inspection Chief to Emphasize Customer Service

After a stint as a construction manager in the private sector following five years as a chief building official for Washington, D.C., government, Robbie Sabbakhan knew his heart was in public service.

"I realized shortly afterwards how much I enjoyed the role serving the public as a building official, so when the Rockville opportunity materialized ... I chose the City of Rockville," he said.

Sabbakhan has brought his more than 20 years' experience in code compliance to the city as its new chief of inspection services, a division of the Department of Community Planning and Development Services, whose inspectors oversee building and construction work to ensure public safety.

"Our plans examiners and inspectors do a thorough job to make certain



**Robbie Sabbakhan**

all those who live, work, study, worship and shop can do so in a safe manner and environment," Sabbakhan said. "When these code experts inspect buildings and review construction plans for code compliance, they in effect help to ensure the places where you live, learn, work, worship and play are safe."

Sabbakhan said that in his new post he wants to improve Rockville's permits and inspection process through streamlining, better internal coordina-

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**The annual Equipment Show, will be held May 25 in the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center's outdoor pool parking lot.**

## Big Trucks, Coloring Books and Kids at the Public Works Week Equipment Show Display to Celebrate the Theme of 'Public Works Connects Us'

Rockville will join the American Public Works Association to celebrate National Public Works Week from Monday, May 22-Friday, May 26.

The highlight of the week will be the annual Equipment Show from 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Thursday, May 25 at the outdoor pool parking lot at the Rockville Swim and Fitness Center, 355 Martins Lane. Kids — and kids at heart — will be able to climb into the operator's seat of some of the big trucks used by the city's Department of Public Works.

The free show includes public works displays, demonstrations, balloons, popcorn, coloring books and other giveaways, and the chance to meet some of the public works employees who provide the important services that keep Rockville running. School and daycare groups are welcome.

APWA first sponsored National Public Works Week in 1960. Today, more than 28,000 APWA members in the U.S. and Canada use the week to energize and educate the public about the important

contributions of public works, including planning, building, managing and operating infrastructure and services in our communities.

This year's Public Works Week theme, "Public Works Connects Us," celebrates the vital role public works plays in connecting us all together. Streets, roads, bridges and public transportation keep us linked together across our city and across the nation, and clean water and sanitation services keep us healthy and allow our communities to grow and prosper. Follow the celebration on Facebook and Twitter at #NPWW and #PublicWorksConnectsUs.

Rockville's Department of Public Works provides water, wastewater, stormwater, streets, recycling and refuse, transportation, fleet services, engineering, and environmental and right-of-way management.

To learn more about Rockville's Department of Public Works and its celebration of National Public Works Week, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/publicworks) or call 240-314-8500. ✚



**STUDENTS FROM THE PHILIPPINES MAKE STOP IN ROCKVILLE... About 25 honors students from De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde, located in the Philippines, came to Rockville on April 17 to learn about American governance and public administration. The students, part of a student government program, had the opportunity to ask questions of Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton (front row, right) and Montgomery County Councilmember Sidney Katz, who represents Rockville (front row, left).**

## Attention Dog Owners



**Your dog did his duty, please do yours.**

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**TALKIN' PARKS:** The city's Recreation and Park Advisory Board, a group of nine volunteers appointed by the mayor and confirmed by the council, encourage the development of city recreation and park facilities and recommend programs for young people and adults that reflect the needs of the Rockville community. See page 3 to learn how to apply to serve on a city board or commission. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/boards](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/boards) commissions.



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**HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS  
MEMORIAL DAY WEEKEND**

**2017**

## MUSIC|FEST

SATURDAY **MAY 27**

& SUNDAY **MAY 28**

MONDAY **MAY 29**



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### 2017 HOMETOWN HOLIDAYS ENTERTAINMENT SCHEDULE

STAGE	TIME	SATURDAY, MAY 27	SUNDAY, MAY 28
<b>BUD LIGHT BEACH</b> 2-10 p.m.	2-3:30 p.m.	The Fishermen Band	AZTEC SUN
	4-5:30 p.m.	CHA WA	Kelly Bell Band
	6:30-8 p.m.	Jah Works	The Nighthawks
	8:30-10 p.m.	Big Sam's Funky Nation	Honey Island Swamp Band
<b>MARYLAND AVENUE</b> 2:30-10 p.m.	2:30-4 p.m.	U.S. Navy Band Commodores	Hillbilly Gypsies
	4:30-6 p.m.	Howard Gospel Choir	Hannah Gill & The Hours
	6:30-8 p.m.	Big Daddy Love	Major and the Monbacks
	8:30-10 p.m.	Shane Smith & The Saints	Tropidelic
<b>HUNGERFORD'S TAVERN</b> 2-9:30 p.m.	2-3:30 p.m.	Dan Wolff & The Muddy Crows	Mike Surratt and The Continentals
	4-5:30 p.m.	Skribe	Driven to Clarity
	6-7:30 p.m.	Sweet Leda	The ShamRogues
	8-9:30 p.m.	Lloyd Dobler Effect	Chopteeth Afrofunk Big Band
<b>TOWN SQUARE</b> 2-8 p.m.	2-3 p.m.	Potomac Youth Choir	Victorian Lyric Opera Co.
	3:30-4:15 p.m.	Reptiles Alive!	Reptiles Alive!
	4:45-5:30 p.m.	Chin Hamaya Rockville	Rockville Evergreen
	6-6:45 p.m.	Tinkus Kay'Sur MD USA	Fugitive Brass Quintet
	7-8 p.m.	RTC Dancers	RTC Dancers

Schedule and times subject to change.



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#HometownHolidays  
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# SATURDAY, MAY 27 AND SUNDAY, MAY 28 2-10 P.M. ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

Start your summer off with a Rockville tradition this Memorial Day weekend, as entertainers from around the country descend on Rockville for the city's 29th annual Hometown Holidays.

The festival will feature performances by more than 30 groups on four stages on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28. Visitors will enjoy blues, rock, reggae, funk, Americana, pop and country music throughout the festival.

The weekend also features the Taste of Rockville, with food from local restaurants, kids amusements (including the return of "the beach" sand pile) and the 73rd annual Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade on Monday, May 29.

Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH).



## HTH Highlights

### Taste of Rockville • noon-10 p.m.

Located along Maryland Avenue and Courthouse Square. Tickets are \$1.25 and can be purchased at a Taste of Rockville ticket booth. Sponsored by and benefiting the Rockville Chamber of Commerce and Community Ministries of Rockville.

Enjoy tastes from Armand's Chicago Pizzeria, Buffalo Wild Wings, Carmen's Italian Ice & Café, Dawson's Market, La Tasca, Matt's House of Kabob, Mellow Mushroom, Miller's Ale House, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Paladar, Saffron Indian Cuisine, Samovar, Seasons 52, Spice Xing, Summer House Santa Monica/Stella Barra Pizzeria and Trapezaria Kuzina.

### Community Partners • 2-8 p.m.

Located along East Montgomery Avenue. Visit with

organizations that are doing great work in our community.

### Kids Activities • 2-10 p.m.

Located in the parking lot at East Montgomery Avenue and Monroe Street. Enjoy amusements for children of all ages, provided by Rockville-based Talk of the Town. Fee for activities.

### Kids Performances

Don't miss a variety of kid-friendly performances on the Town Square Stage on Maryland Avenue, including singers, dancers and more.



### Hometown Holidays Mug

Makes a great souvenir! Purchase a HTH mug at any beverage booth and your first beverage is included. Mugs are



\$10. Booths accept cash and credit.

### The Beach

Located near the Bud Light Beach Stage. Build a sand castle or enjoy a drink with your feet in the sand at the beach.

### City of Rockville Booth

Located along Maryland Avenue. Visit the City of Rockville booth for giveaways and information about city programs and services.

## HTH Site Map for Saturday and Sunday





# 73rd MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY AND PARADE

## MONDAY, MAY 29 • ROCKVILLE TOWN CENTER

### 9 a.m. • ROCKVILLE CONCERT BAND AND CHORUS

The City of Rockville-supported volunteer band and the Rockville Community Chorus will perform a musical tribute to America.

### 9:30 a.m. • MEMORIAL DAY CEREMONY

The ceremony, in the plaza at Rockville Town Square, includes music by the Rockville Concert Band and the Rockville Chorus; a traditional wreath laying, led by American Legion Post 86; and the presentation of colors by the American Legion Post 86 Color Guard and Rockville City Police Department Honor Guard.



#### Grand Marshal: CATHY N. TROUTMAN

Retired Army Lt. Col. Cathy N. Troutman began her military career as an ROTC graduate in 1984 and gained expertise in wartime information management/information technology as a biomedical information systems officer.

As a senior military officer, Troutman was responsible for the management of health

information systems for military treatment and research facilities stateside, in Europe, in Asia and in Africa. She served as a biomedical information management officer, chief information officer, chief technology officer, clinical information officer, telemedicine deputy research portfolio manager and principal investigator. Her military career culminated as the deputy program director for two high priority programs: The Army's Neuropsychological Assessment Metrics Program for Mild Traumatic Brain Injuries and the Department of Defense's Pharmacovigilance Program. She retired from the Army Medical Services Corps in 2008 and joined the National Institutes of Health's National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute, where she is currently a management analyst in the Office of Science Policy, Engagement, Education, and Communications.

Troutman earned a bachelor's degree in business data processing at Arkansas State University and an MBA from Webster University. Her military unit awards include the Defense Superior Unit Award during 9/11 and two Army Superior Unit awards, during Operation Desert Shield/Desert Storm and Operation Iraqi Freedom/Enduring Freedom.

Troutman and her husband, Rich, live in Rockville and have two adult daughters, Michele and Ashley.



### 10:30 a.m. • 73rd MEMORIAL DAY PARADE

After the ceremony, the parade proceeds from Martins Lane and North Washington Street, turning left on Beall Avenue, turning down Maryland Avenue through Rockville Town Center and making a left on East Montgomery Avenue. The parade has something for everyone with drill teams, marching bands, multicultural community groups, military units and more.



#### Master of Ceremonies:

#### MELISSA MOLLET

Melissa Mollet is an Emmy Award-winning traffic and transit reporter for NBC4 in Washington, D.C., and a graduate of Gaithersburg High School. She lives in Rockville with her three favorite guys – her husband, son and dog.

## Parade Route



### General Information

- Bring beach chairs/blankets to ensure comfortable seating. Be considerate so that those around you can see the show too.
- No chairs or blankets allowed within 100 feet of the stage.
- Video and audio recorders and cameras are prohibited during evening concerts.
- For safety, bikes, skateboards and inline skates are not permitted to be ridden in the event area.
- For your safety, no glass containers.
- HTH supports Rockville's sustainability efforts, with reusable mugs and onsite recycling bins.
- Most events will take place rain or shine. In case of inclement weather, cancellations will be posted at [www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/HTH).

**Assistance Needed:** Rockville strives to provide access to all programs and services, regard-

less of disability. Contact the ADA Coordinator at 240-314-8100, TDD 240-314-8137 with questions regarding access to Hometown Holidays. Rockville will offer sign language interpreters for Monday's Memorial Day ceremony and parade.

### Getting There

**By Public Transit:** Take Metro's Red Line to the Rockville station. Exit on the Rockville Pike side, and follow the sounds of music across the street to Middle Lane. MARC train service will not run Memorial Day weekend.

#### By Car:

- The festival is located in Rockville Town Center.
- From I-270, take either exit 5 or exit 6 and go east into Rockville. Follow signs for parking.
- From Route 355/Rockville Pike, going north into Rockville, turn left onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.

- From upcounty using Route 355/Rockville Pike, drive south into Rockville and use the Rockville Town Square parking garage located off Route 355/Rockville Pike, or turn right onto Route 28 and follow signs for parking.

#### Parking:

**Free parking** is available at the Council Office Building on Fleet Street, Metro lots and City Hall lots.

**Paid parking** is available for \$5 in the Rockville Town Square garage located off of Route 355 or North Washington Street from 11 a.m.-8 p.m. on Saturday, May 27 and Sunday, May 28, and 7 a.m.-1 p.m. on Monday, May 29. Cash and credit accepted. Regular Town Square parking rates apply at all other times.

**By Bike:** Rockville is a bike-friendly community, with several Capital Bikeshare stations, including one at Maryland and East Montgomery avenues.

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FACILITIES  
LEGEND:**CC** Croydon Creek Nature Ctr., 852 Avery Rd., 240-314-8770.**GM** Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8660.**FSF** F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre, 603 Edmonston Dr., 240-314-8690.**LP** Lincoln Park Community Ctr., 357 Frederick Ave., 240-314-8780.**CH** Rockville City Hall, 111 Maryland Ave., 240-314-5000.**SR** Rockville Senior Ctr., 1150 Carnation Dr., 240-314-8800.**SFC** Rockville Swim and Fitness Ctr., 355 Martins Lane, 240-314-8750.**TF** Thomas Farm Community Ctr., 700 Falls Grove Dr., 240-314-8840.**TC** Twinbrook Comm. Rec. Ctr., 12920 Twinbrook Pkwy., 240-314-8830.**7** Invasive Species Pull Help rid the forest of invasiveplants. Earn SSL hours. No registration required. Participants under 14 must be accompanied by an adult. Gloves and bags provided. 1:30-4:30 p.m. **CC****21** Art Gallery Opening Reception and Free Concert James Mabry performs at 2 p.m. Rockville Art League juried members' exhibition runs through June 30. 1:30-3:30 p.m. See article on page 10. **GM****21** Outdoor Science Club: Plants Spend time in the meadow and forest learning how to identify common flowering plants. Ages 6-8. Course #59214. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC****21** Rockville Chorus Spring Concert Free; suggested donation, \$5. 7:30 p.m. See article on page 10. **FSF****28** Hometown Holidays Music Fest 2-10 p.m. (Taste of Rockville begins at noon.) Rockville Town Center. See pages 5-7.**18** Outdoor Science Club: Spring Stream Ecology Prepare to get wet! Take to the creek to discover late-spring macro-invertebrates. Ages 6-8. Course #59215. 1:30-3 p.m. **CC**

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**1,15** Alzheimer's and Related Dementia Care Partners Support Group People with memory loss and their care companions meet in a safe, supportive environment. Course #58702. 11 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR****8** Rockville Job Club Create and polish resumes, write cover letters, apply for jobs and more. 1-3 p.m. Contact the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310 for more information. Free **TC****29** Memorial Day City Hall and some city facilities are closed. See article on page 1.**29** Memorial Day Ceremony and Parade 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Rockville Town Center. See page 7.**12** Rockville Job Club Create and polish resumes, write cover letters, apply for jobs and more. 1-3 p.m. Contact the Community Services Division at 240-314-8310 for more information. Free **TC****12** Lifeguard Training Session Begins This American Red Cross Lifeguard Training course will certify students in lifeguard training, CPR/AED for the professional rescuer and first aid. Course # 59726. 6-10 p.m. **SFC**

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**2** Tiger Dads and Comic Books: How I Became an Asian American Cartoonist, by Gene Luen Yang Dinner at 6 p.m. for first 50 people. \$5. Lecture at 7 p.m. Free. <http://ptsa.woottonhs.org>. Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway.**2** Stories of School Desegregation Panel Peerless Rockville's Emancipation to Integration series features thosewho lived through the desegregation of Montgomery County schools as teachers, students and administrators. Moderated by former educator and U.S. Rep. Connie Morella. Free. Register at <https://goo.gl/CK7PXr>. 7-9 p.m. **CH****9&10** Ride Smart Travel Training Learn how to navigate the region's transit system. Senior SmartTrip cards will be available for those who don't have them. Course #58971. 10 a.m.-2 p.m. **SR****16** Legal Trailblazers: Maryland's First Female Lawyers Peerless Rockville, the Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library and the Montgomery County Women's Bar Association present retired Maryland Court of Appeals judge Lynne A. Battaglia telling the story of women who overcame legal, social and economic obstacles to become pioneers in the law. Free. \$5 donation suggested. Register at <https://goo.gl/qWpv3J>. 6-7:30 p.m. Montgomery County Circuit Court Law Library**23** Bridging the Divide Between Asian Immigrants and their American Children, by Frank Wu <http://ptsa.woottonhs.org>. Dinner at 6 p.m. for first 50 people. \$5. Lecture at 7 p.m. Free. Thomas S. Wootton High School, 2100 Wootton Parkway.

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**24** Senior Health Fair Free health screenings, healthy snacks and more from Montgomery County and Rockville agencies and vendors from health facilities. 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. **SR****14** Rockville Public Safety Awards See article on page 2. 11:30 a.m. Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road.VISIT  
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**4** Little Acorns: Sticks and Stones Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Ages 18-36 months. Course #59206. 10-11 a.m. **CC****18** Little Acorns: Flowers Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Time spent outdoors, weather permitting. Ages 18-36 months. Course #59207. 10-11 a.m. **CC****18** Rockville 2040: Veirs Mill Corridor See article on page 12. 7-9 p.m. **GM****18** Wine and Improv Learn improv from a theater professional over a glass of wine. Tickets: \$35 individual; \$60 per couple. Ages 21 and older. 7 p.m. **GM****25** Public Works Equipment Show Climb aboard some of the big trucks used by the city's Dept. of Public Works (DPW) as Rockville celebrates National Public Works Week. 11 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Outdoor pool parking lot. See article on page 4. **SFC****1** Little Acorns: Sounds in Nature Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Ages 18-36 months. Course #59208. 10-11 a.m. **CC****15** Little Acorns: Butterflies Explore nature with your little ones through a variety of play-based activities. Ages 18-36 months. Course #59209. 10-11 a.m. **CC**

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**5** Opening of Rockville Little Theatre presents "Book of Days" 8 p.m. Other shows: 8 p.m. May 6, 12 and 13; 2 p.m. May 7 and 14. See article on page 10. **FSF****12** Rockville Recreation & Parks Foundation Golf Classic. Contests, a silent auction, food and beverage. Proceeds will help send kids to camp and other recreation programs, and help to improve Rockville parks. \$100 per golfer. 9 a.m.-2 p.m. Visit [www.rrpfi.org](http://www.rrpfi.org) or email [edeal@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:edeal@rockvillemd.gov). RedGate Golf Course, 14500 Avery Road.**2** Summer Camp Open House Free and open to families registered for any city summer camp. Bring completed camp forms and campers. Children will meet camp staff, try camp activities and roast marshmallows by the campfire. 5:30-7:30 p.m. **CC****2** Outdoor Family Movie Night Watch a movie on the big screen. Held inside in case of inclement weather. Refreshments sold by Twinbrook Elementary PTA. Free. 8-9:30 p.m. **TC**RED background and numbers  
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**6** Rockville Seniors Inc. Spring Yard Sale 240-314-8800. Rain date: May 13. 8 a.m.-1 p.m. **SR****6** 3rd Ann. Montgomery Co. GreenFest Environmental festival for all ages. 11 a.m.-4 p.m. Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, 506 S. Frederick Ave., Gaithersburg.**6&7** 5th Annual A-RTS Two-day fine art festival. Rockville Town Square. See article on page 11.**6** Croydon Creek Campfire: Butterflies and Moths All ages. Course #59202. 8-9 p.m. **CC****13** iNaturalist App that records plants and animals. Ages 12 and up. Course #59193. 9:30-10:30 a.m. **CC****20** Kids to Parks Day Hike in the forest preserve. Make-and-take craft at center. 9 a.m.-5 p.m. **CC****20** Nature Tots: Nocturnal Animals Nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Ages 2-5. Course #59189. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC****20** Croydon Creek Campfire: Ask a Naturalist Bring your curiosity, we'll bring the s'mores. All ages. Course #59200. 3:30-4:30 p.m. **CC****20** Chinese American Heritage Forum <http://ptsa.woottonhs.org>. 7 p.m. Thomas S. Wootton H.S., 2100 Wootton Parkway.**27** Hometown Holidays Music Fest 2-10 p.m. (Taste of Rockville begins at noon.) Rockville Town Ctr. See pages 5-7.**27** Hometown Barber-shop Chorus Presents Sound Celebration: The Young & The Oldies An evening of a cappella and dance. 7:30-9:30 p.m. **FSF****3** The Washington Balalaika Society Presents: Parade of Favorites Concert pieces by Olga Orlovskaya. 8 p.m. **FSF****3** Star Party Telescopes with an astronomer and a campfire treat. 7 and up. Course #59203. 9-10 p.m. **CC****17** Nature Tots: Creek Critters Nature play, crafts, stories and hikes. Ages 2-5. Course #59190. 10-11:30 a.m. **CC****17** Bethesda Conservatory of Dance presents ICONIC Dancers 1:30 p.m. **FSF****24** The Rockville Brass Band and Brass of the Potomac Presents: Brass Around the World 7 p.m. **FSF**

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FOR MORE INFO. AND MOST UP-TO-DATE EVENT LISTING: [WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR](http://WWW.ROCKVILLEMD.GOV/CALENDAR)



# Rockville to Recognize City Employees for Their Service

The Rockville Mayor and Council plan to designate May 7-13 as National Public Service Week with a proclamation at their Monday, May 1 meeting.

The City of Rockville has more than 600 regular and temporary employees. Public Service Recognition Week is organized annually by the Public Employees Roundtable (PER) and its member organizations to honor men and women who serve as federal, state, county and local government employees.

The goals of the week are to:

- Connect and educate citizens nationwide to the work of their government.
- Improve the perception and morale of public servants.
- Help inspire a new generation of public servants.

At the heart of the program is the importance of honoring public employees and telling them that their dedication and service is noticed and appreciated. Learn more at <http://publicservice recognitionweek.org>. ❖

## South Stonestreet Avenue Construction to Begin May 8

### Safety Upgrades Near Metro Include Lane Reduction, Sidewalk and Bike Lane

Construction is set to begin the week of May 8 to improve pedestrian safety and access to the Rockville Metro station along South Stonestreet Avenue between Baltimore and Park roads.

The South Stonestreet Avenue Road Diet project will install a sidewalk on the west side (Metro side) of South Stonestreet Avenue and a bike lane on the east side. It will also reduce traffic lanes from four to three, replace curbs and gutters, and include Americans with Disabilities Act-related accessibility upgrades, stormwater management and minor drainage modifications.

Narrowing the roadway will accommodate the sidewalk without having to remove trees. The bike lane will be added through a combination of shared lane markings known as shar-

rows and painted bike lane.

Work should last approximately three months, weather permitting. Construction impacts will include daytime lane closures outside of peak traffic hours. Signs will be posted to notify motorists and residents of lane closures.

The project's cost is \$389,000, with \$311,000 funded by a grant through the Federal Highway Administration's Complete Streets near Metro program. It is part of over \$13 million the City of Rockville is investing in East Rockville infrastructure projects to improve roads, water and sewer systems, and bicycle and pedestrian safety. Learn more at [www.rockvillemd.gov/eastrockvilleprojects](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/eastrockvilleprojects).

For more information, contact project manager Gregory Lyons at 240-314-8506 or [glyons@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:glyons@rockvillemd.gov). ❖

### Profile: Robbie Sabbakhan

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tion, and enhanced use of data, technology and innovation. His central focus will be to emphasize customer service, he said. And he'll be working to improve outreach, education and communication about policies, procedures and regulation to homeowners, designers, contractors, developers and others who interact with the inspection division "so they can better and more easily navigate the permitting process,

which for some can be a daunting experience," he said. "We don't want that to be the case here in Rockville."

"Our vision as a building department is to garner a strong reputation for the City of Rockville as highly professional, reliable and business-friendly, yet uncompromising on safety, sustainability and quality of life assurance," Sabbakhan said.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/inspection](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/inspection) services to learn more about the Inspection Services Division. ❖



**From left to right: U.S. Rep. Jamie Raskin; Rocky Twyman, Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett; and Council-member Hans Reimer.**

## Rockville Resident Honored by County for Humanitarian Work

In January, Rockville resident Rockefeller "Rocky" Ludwig Twyman received the 2017 Martin Luther King Jr. Humanitarian Award from Montgomery County for his benevolent work.

Since 1998, Twyman has organized life-saving bone marrow donor drives across Montgomery County. The Humanitarian Award is presented each year to an individual who through acts of service and commitment has enhanced and profoundly impacted the lives and well-being of members of the community.

Twyman was honored at the county's Martin Luther King Jr. ceremony, themed "Injustice Anywhere is a Threat to Justice Everywhere," held at The Music Center at Strathmore in North Bethesda.

"I am grateful to God for this prestigious award and intend to use the publicity generated from this article to encourage more minorities to get tested..."

Twyman told "Rockville Reports." "This project is a pure labor of love. I encourage everybody in Rockville, especially minorities, to get tested."

In attendance were Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett, council President Roger Berliner, council Vice President Hans Riemer, councilmembers Marc Elrich, Sidney Katz and Craig Rice. Members from the Maryland delegation to the House of Representatives also attended, including John K. Delaney, 6th Congressional District; Jamie Raskin, 8th Congressional District; and John P. Sarbanes, 3rd Congressional District.

Twyman was recognized in 2008 by the Rockville Mayor and Council for his efforts to increase minority participation in the bone marrow registry.

For information on the nonprofit National Marrow Donor Program, visit <http://bethematch.org>. ❖

## We Need Your Support!



**Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation** is a 501(c)3 organization established to:

- Improve recreational activities, programs, parks and facilities
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The National Parks Trust and the City of Rockville Recreation and Parks Dept. invite everyone to visit Croydon Creek Nature Center to celebrate...

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## Clarification

"Development Watch," on page 2 of April's "Rockville Reports," included a listing for a proposed townhouse development at 2401 Wootton Parkway (Rockshire Village Shopping Center). The listing was for a pre-application, which is an opportunity for developers to make the public aware of a possible application. No formal application was ever filed. There has been no further action on this pre-application, which has been removed from the list due to inactivity.

## German-themed Vendors Wanted for Rocktoberfest

The city is seeking vendors, especially of German-themed food and crafts, for the city's Rocktoberfest celebration from noon-6 p.m. on Saturday, Oct. 7 in Rockville Town Center.

The free festival, which will coincide with the visit of a delegation from Pinneberg, Germany to mark 60 years as Rockville's sister city, will feature local breweries and two stages of music, including the German polka of Mike Surratt and The Continentals. Tents for breweries and vendors will be set up along Maryland Avenue, within walking distance of the Rockville Metro station.

Interested vendors should contact [aknox@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:aknox@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8620.

## Rockville Public Safety Awards to Honor the City's First Responders

Members of the Rockville City Police Department, Rockville Volunteer Fire Department, Montgomery County Sheriff's Department and Montgomery County Department of Correction and Rehabilitation will be honored for their service to the community at the 29th annual Rockville Public Safety Awards on Wednesday, June 14 at Lakewood Country Club, 13901 Glen Mill Road. Networking begins at 11:30 a.m. The luncheon begins at noon.

Tickets are \$30 per person through May 31. After May 31, tickets are \$35 per person. For more information, or to register, visit [www.rockvillechamber.org/events](http://www.rockvillechamber.org/events).

## Rockville Police to Begin Using Body-Worn Cameras This Summer

Community members could see Rockville City Police Department officers using body-worn cameras as early as late May.

A contract approved March 6 by the Mayor and Council also includes the installation of new in-car systems, which will be synchronized with the body-worn cameras. Dashboard cameras have been used in RCPD cruisers for over two decades.

Body-worn cameras produce a video record of incidents and have proven to be a valuable accountability tool for law enforcement, providing support for officer testimony during criminal trials and evidence for investigating claims of officer misconduct. RCPD has worked with the City Attorney's Office to ensure a policy is in place that addresses privacy and other civil liberties issues. All RCPD officers are being trained in the operation of both systems, as well as in the policy governing their use, before the cameras are deployed.

Learn more in the March 6 Mayor and Council agenda at [www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/AgendaCenter) and on the city's YouTube channel at [www.rockvillemd.gov/yoututbe](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/yoututbe). Search "body cameras."

**Connect with us on Social Media.**







## Celebrate Independence Day with Fireworks in King Farm

Make plans to celebrate July Fourth with family and friends at the city's annual Independence Day celebration on Tuesday, July 4.

Hosted by the Mayor and Council, the celebration is held annually at the 26-acre Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park, 1800 Piccard Drive in King Farm, which offers easy access and ample free parking, with convenient exits within a short walk of fireworks viewing areas.

The celebration includes live music at 6 p.m. and a fabulous 20-minute-long fireworks display at 9:15 p.m. There is no rain date.

Please note that the tennis courts, playground and Rockville Dog Park at Mattie J.T. Stepanek Park will be closed from dusk on Sunday, July 2 through 8 a.m. on Wednesday, July 5.

For parking and general information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/independenceday), email [specialevents@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:specialevents@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8620.

## Fresh Produce Returns with Farmers Market Opening

Rockville's Farmers Market returns Saturday, May 13 to give shoppers their pick of farm-fresh produce and more from regional grower/producers.

This year's market will include vendors offering fruits and vegetables, plants and flowers, herbs, baked goods, local beer and wine, knife sharpening, meat and coffee.

The market will be open 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Saturdays, through Nov. 18 in the jury parking lot at East Jefferson (MD 28) and Monroe streets in Rockville Town Center.

The market participates in the Maryland Market Money Program. The program helps provide greater access to fresh fruits and vegetables for customers using the Farmers Market Nutrition Program, the Fruit and Vegetable Check Program and the Supplemental Nutritional Assistance Program. Participants' benefits are matched up to \$5 each week while funds are available. Organizations or individuals wishing to contribute to the Maryland Market Money program should email [specialevents@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:specialevents@rockvillemd.gov).

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/farmers) for more information, including a list of participating vendors, approximate harvest dates for select fruits and vegetables, and a photo gallery. For more information, call 240-314-8620.

## Meet Your Twinbrook Neighbors

Twinbrook Community Day Open House and Outdoor Family Movie Night are perfect opportunities to get outside and celebrate spring with your neighbors.

Community Day, from 1-3 p.m., Saturday, May 13 will have fun activities for all ages, including children's crafts and games, and more.

Watch a movie on the big screen at Outdoor Family Movie Night, 8-9:30 p.m., Friday, June 2. Refreshments will be sold by Twinbrook Elementary School. (The movie will be inside if there's bad weather.)

Both events are free and will be held at Twinbrook Community Recreation Center, 12920 Twinbrook Parkway.

For more information, call 240-314-8830 or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/twinbrook).

## Peerless and Rockville Launch Speaker Series

Peerless Rockville and Rockville's Glenview Mansion have partnered to sponsor a speakers' series, set to kickoff June 8 with a talk by City of Rockville Horticulturist Rob Orndorff on the mansion's formal gardens and grounds.

Six events are planned in total, one every two months into 2018. They begin at 7 p.m. at Glenview Mansion, 603 Edmonston Drive, and are free to attend. Light refreshments will be served.

- **June 8:** "Celebrating Glenview Mansion's Formal Gardens and Grounds." Rob Orndorff, horticulturist, City of Rockville.
- **Aug. 10:** "Zelda Sayre Fitzgerald: Revealing Her Life as a Visual Artist." Roberta Mandrekas, secretary, Fitzgerald Literary Festival.
- **Oct. 12:** "The Evolution: From Farms to Community." John



Carter, AIA, architect and planner.

- **Dec. 14:** "Rockville: Portrait of a City." Eileen McGuckain, Rockville historian.
- **Feb. 8, 2018:** Film Screening of Community Cornerstone's "African American Communities in Montgomery County, MD." Film produced by Heritage Montgomery.
- **April 12, 2018:** "Learn the Three B's: Bee, Beneficials and Blooms." Marie Rojas, owner of Borders & Butterflies.

For more information, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview) or [www.peerlessrockville.org](http://www.peerlessrockville.org). ✦



## From Stump to... Something Else

The sycamore tree in Horizon Hill Park may just be a 15-foot tall stump right now, but Rockville's hoping it can become a work of art. The city's Recreation and Parks Department and Cultural Arts Commission are seeking artists experienced in working with

wood to transform the stump into something special. Applications will be accepted for the arts project until May 31.

To request a call for entries form, email Betty Wisda, arts programs supervisor, at [bwisda@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:bwisda@rockvillemd.gov). ✦

## Get Your Fill of F. Scott Performances While You Can Facility to Close for Improvements

The F. Scott Fitzgerald Theatre will be closed from July 24-Sept. 6 for roof beam reinforcement and installation of a new motorized light bar, so stock up on upcoming shows and performances to get you over the summer lull.

### Rockville Little Theatre: "Book of Days"

Fridays and Saturdays, May 5, 6, 12 and 13 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, May 7 and 14 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$22; students and seniors (62-plus), \$20.

### Rockville Chorus

#### Classical Spring Concert

Sunday, May 21, 7:30 p.m. Free, although a \$5 donation is suggested. Enjoy refreshments with the chorus in the lobby after the show.

### Washington Balalaika Society: "Parade of Favorites"

Concert pieces brought to life by the dazzling voice of Olga Orlovskaya. Saturday,

June 3 at 8 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$25; seniors, \$20; students, \$15. Children 12 and under are free.

### Victorian Lyric Opera Company: "The Mikado" by Gilbert & Sullivan

Fridays and Saturday, June 9, 10, 16 and 17 at 8 p.m.; Sundays, June 11 and 18 at 2 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$28; seniors, \$24; students, \$20.

### Bethesda Conservatory of Dance: "ICONIC"

Saturday, June 17 at 1:30 p.m. Tickets: Adults, \$16; child/student/senior, \$13.50.

### The Rockville Brass Band and Brass of the Potomac: "Brass Around the World"

Saturday, June 24 at 7 p.m. Tickets: \$10.

### Rockville Musical Theatre: "Spamalot"

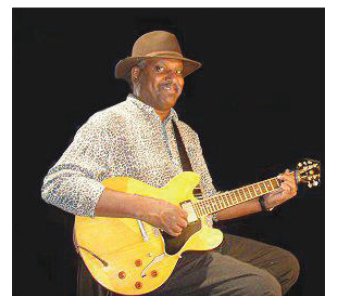
July 7, 8, 14, 15, 21 and 22 at 8 p.m. July 16 and 23 at 2 p.m. Tickets: \$22; students and seniors (62-plus), \$20. ✦

## Mabry's Blues to Inaugurate RAL Members' Exhibition

James Mabry's blues guitar and vocals will accompany the opening reception for the Rockville Art League semi-annual juried members' exhibition at the Glenview Mansion Art Gallery, Sunday, May 21.

View watercolor, oil, charcoal, pencil and sculpture works and meet the artists beginning at 1:30 p.m.

Mabry's performance,



which includes grooves drawn from the Mississippi Delta to the juke joints of Chicago, will be in the mansion's living room.

The reception is free and open to the public. For more information, phone 240-314-8682, or visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenviewgallery). ✦

## Summer Wedding Expo has Inspiration for Your Big Day



Planning on getting hitched? Mark July 16 on your calendar so you don't forget to attend the summer wedding expo at Glenview Mansion, where there's dozens of ideas for every wannabe newlywed.

The expo will feature

more than 30 vendor exhibits and samples, including catering, wedding cakes, photography, musical entertainment, floral arrangement, tenting services, event planning and more.

Tickets are \$5 and

available at the door.

Glenview Mansion is at 603 Edmonston Drive. For more, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/glenview) or follow Glenview Mansion Weddings and Special Events on Facebook. ✦



**WHAT WE'VE BEEN WATCHING ON YOUTUBE...** Did you see our PSA on cleaning up after your pet, "Scoop Your Poop, Rockville!"? It's pretty funny, even if we say so ourselves. If you've ever wanted to know more about your city, watch "Rockville City Academy," and consider signing up. Croydon Creek Nature Center is one of Rockville's gems. This year, it celebrates its 15th anniversary. Learn about the celebrations with "Croydon Creek Nature Center 15th Anniversary." See all these, and more, at [www.youtube.com/cityofrockville](http://www.youtube.com/cityofrockville).





# Get Set for the Suds & Soles 5K

Get registered to run because the Suds & Soles 5K's return to Rockville Town Center is fast approaching. After the success of last year's inaugural race, the Montgomery County Road Runners Club and the City of Rockville are teaming up again to present Suds & Soles at 7 p.m. on Saturday, June 24. This 5K course on neighborhood roads begins and ends in Town Center with a post-race party featuring live music and the opportunity to sample great beverages from a commemorative mug. The KidZone, for children 9 and under, will feature a kids fun run, children's activities and light refreshments. Before May 29, registration for the 5K is \$35 for adults, \$20 for ages 10-20, and \$15 for kids under 10. After May 29, registration increases to \$40 (adults), \$25 (ages 10-20) and \$20 (kids under 10). KidZone registration is \$10 for ages 5-9. Kids under 5 are free, but registration is requested. Parents must remain with children while in the KidZone. Packet pickup will begin at 6 p.m. on race day in Rockville Town Center. There are no refunds. Proceeds benefit the Rockville Recreation and Parks Foundation, Inc.'s Rockville Recreation Fund and MCRRC's youth and beginning running programs. Learn more about the Rockville Recreation Fund at [www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/financialassistance](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/recreation/financialassistance). Learn more about the race – including sponsorship opportunities, and get registered, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/sudsandsoles). ❖

## Vision Zero Initiative

*continued from pg. 2...* strongest aspect of Vision Zero is that it provides a fundamental philosophy for a systematic approach to transportation planning and street design. We are looking forward to reviewing the countywide Vision

Zero Action Plan being developed by the Montgomery County Department of Transportation and modifying it for implementation in Rockville." For more information, contact Oleg Kotov at [okotov@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:okotov@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8527. ❖

**WATER SAFETY DAY**

**FRIDAY, JUNE 2**  
**3:30 - 6:30 P.M.**

**GAITHERSBURG WATER PARK**  
512 S. Frederick Ave.  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

*Stay safe at the pool this summer*

**Learn about:**

- How to Prevent Drowning
- Proper Use of Life Jackets
- Water Rescue Skills
- Skin Cancer Prevention
- Swim LESSONS (evaluations offered)

**Free Event**  
Food will be available for purchase.

**FREE SWIMMING EVENT**  
**PRESENTATIONS EVERY HALF HOUR.**

For more information, visit [gaithersburgmd.gov](http://gaithersburgmd.gov)  
[montgomerycountymd.gov/rec](http://montgomerycountymd.gov/rec) or [rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter](http://rockvillemd.gov/swimcenter)  
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# Code Violations in Your Neighborhood? Here's What to Do

The city's Community Enhancement and Code Enforcement Division identifies code violations and educates the community on property maintenance codes with the goals of improving quality of life and preserving property values in city neighborhoods. Code inspectors respond to reports of exterior maintenance issues; grass and weeds over 10 inches high; chipped and peeling paint; defective sheds, garages and fences; missing address numbers; missing or defective smoke detectors; abandoned or junk vehicles; parking on grass; overcrowding and prohibited habitation; trash accumulation; pest or rodent infestation; and other unsanitary conditions. Community members may report code enforcement concerns by:

- Calling the division's main number at 240-314-8330. A case will be generated, and a codes inspector will respond.
- Reporting a concern online. Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/codeenforcement](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/codeenforcement) and select "Report Code Enforcement Violations in Rockville."
- Finding a map of the city's six inspection zones, and the codes inspectors assigned to each, at [www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/95](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/DocumentCenter/View/95). Use the contact information listed to report a concern directly to the appropriate inspector. Learn more about homeowner's property maintenance responsibilities at [www.rockvillemd.gov/codeenforcement](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/codeenforcement). ❖

## Rockville to Launch New Program Registration System in July

Registering for Rockville's recreation programs or reserving a facility is going to become a little easier. In July, the city plans to officially roll out a new online reservation system designed to make it simpler than ever to register for programs or to book a facility for a wedding, a picnic or other occasion. Users will no longer have to create accounts to register, and will be able to search, register and pay for activities and leagues, view memberships and manage profiles on any computer, tablet or smartphone. The new system has been a year in the making. The city sought requests for proposals in June 2016. After reviewing those offers, Rockville chose Recl, based in Alpharetta, Georgia. The company has since been acquired by CivicPlus, a firm providing more than 2,500 local units of government across the nation with online services. The new online booking will be on the city website at [www.rockvillemd.gov](http://www.rockvillemd.gov). The site will list program details, facilities information with capacities, amenities, maps, scheduled maintenance projects, parking and availability. ❖

## Enter the Human Rights Student Multimedia Contest by May 30

Students in grades 9-12 at high schools within the City of Rockville are invited to enter the Human Rights Student Multimedia Contest for a chance to win a first-place prize of \$1,000. Contestants will be asked to create a video, photo, essay, poem or other work of art to raise awareness and encourage thought and understanding of a human rights topic. The city's Human Rights Commission sponsors the contest to encourage students to express their creativity and think about human rights. Entries will be judged on creativity, work quality, effort and relevance. First, second- and third-place winners will be recognized at the city's annual Martin Luther King Jr. Day celebration. Submissions are being accepted through Tuesday, May 30. For information about how to obtain an entry packet, contact Janet Kelly at 240-314-8316 or [jkelly@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:jkelly@rockvillemd.gov). For more information, including contest guidelines, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/humanrights). ❖



## Classes, Programs and Special Events: Summer Guide Has it All

Wonder no longer about how to fill those long summer days — the 2017 Summer Guide, out on May 2, is packed full of classes, programs and special events for all ages and interests. The guide will be available at City Hall, community centers, libraries and at [www.rockvillemd.gov/guide](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/guide). New programs featured this year include:

**Zumba Fit Kids — Minis (age 4-6)**

- A perfect way for 4-6-year-old kids to socialize with friends and jam out to their favorite music. Classes are high-energy dance parties that include dance steps, games and cultural exploration in a fun class structure.

**Eco-Exporers Day Camp (ages 7-10)**

- End summer with the naturalists of Croydon Creek Nature Center, exploring the forest, investigating the meadow and splashing in the creek. Enjoy hikes in the Hayes Forest Preserve, games and other creative outdoor activities each day.

**T-Ball/Baseball Skills (beginners, 4-6; intermediate, 6-8)**

- Coaches teach the fundamentals of baseball through fun, skill-building activities and give one-on-one attention to help kids learn the game. Throwing, catching and batting are emphasized and more advanced game-like situations are introduced as skills advance.

**Ballet Workshop — Advanced Beginner (age 12 and up)**

- A chance to strengthen technique, correct alignment, perfect turns and push into a realm of dance participants have always wished to enter.

The guide also includes information about programs at the Swim and Fitness Center, and Teens on the Go, the city's summer field trip program, held June 26-Aug. 11 for teens entering grades 6-10. Swim and Fitness Center registration opens May 2. General registration begins May 3.

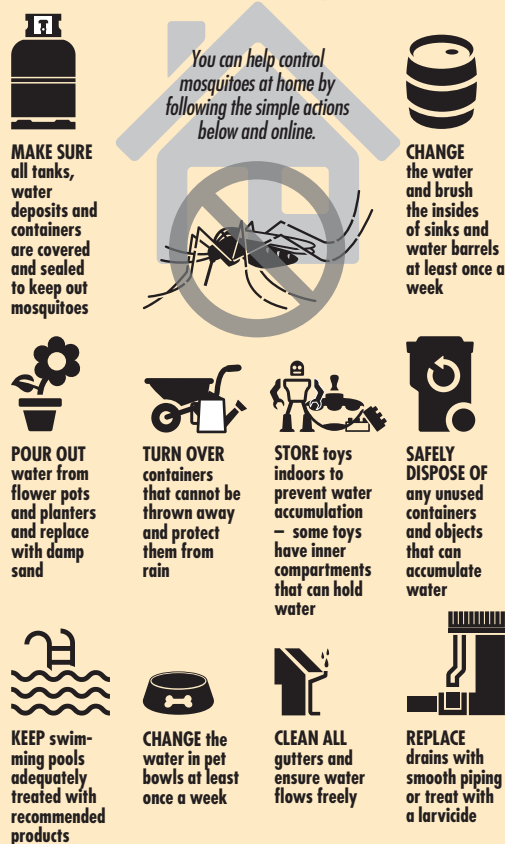
## A-RTS Festival Returns to Town Square This Month

The Fifth Annual A-RTS at Rockville Town Square Arts Festival returns May 6-7 for two days of art, food and live music. The free festival will transform the streets surrounding Town Square Plaza into an outdoor art gallery, featuring more than 160 nationally recognized artists from across the country working in ceramics, drawing, fiber, glass, graphics, jewelry, metalwork, painting, photography, printmaking, sculpture, wood and mixed media. The festival will be held rain or shine from 11 a.m.-6 p.m. on Saturday, May 6 and from 11 a.m.-5 p.m. on Sunday, May 7. Live music will take to the Dawson's Market Stage at noon each day. Artisanal food vendors will line Gibbs Street, behind the stage, with offerings that include gourmet chocolates, oil and vinegar, and wine-infused sauces. Parking will be available in Town Square garages. For more information, including a list of artists, performers and food vendors, visit <http://a-arts.org> or find the festival on Facebook at [www.facebook.com/RockvilleArtsFestival](http://www.facebook.com/RockvilleArtsFestival).

**BACK IN THE DAY...** Ah, the '70s, a time of bellbottoms, long hair and an odd mix of beige, burnt orange and olive green-colored home decorations. That aside, the May 1970 edition of "City of Rockville Newsletter" informs us that the new decade heralded "a new concept about people, the arts and summertime." And so, STREET '70 entered in: "Rockville's professional performing troupe that will play shopping centers, parks, playgrounds, churches, and streets this summer" with "original musicals, one-act plays, mime shows, poetry readings and variety shows."



## How to prevent mosquito breeding sites in and around your home



## Fight the Bite: Eliminating Mosquitoes Begins at Home

A mosquito bite is an annoyance. A bite from an infected mosquito can be a public health concern. Understanding where mosquitoes breed, and actions everyone can take to eliminate them, can lead to greater peace of mind and reduce health risks.

Mosquitoes lay eggs in water-filled containers as small as a bottle cap. The most effective method of controlling mosquitoes is eliminating opportunities for them to breed. Remember these tips — and share them with neighbors:

- Once a week, empty and scrub, turn over, cover, or throw out items that hold water such as flowerpots, watering cans, buckets, planters, toys, birdbaths, garbage cans and lids. Mosquitoes attach eggs to the sides of containers. If the water in the container dries up, the eggs stay dormant until the next rainstorm. It's not enough just to dump standing water — you need to scrub out the container too.
- Tightly cover water storage containers, such as rain barrels, or use wire mesh with holes smaller than an adult mosquito.
- Clean gutters and downspouts regularly. Position drain pipes to ensure drainage.
- Fill in low spots in yards, where water pools.
- Use screens on windows and doors. Repair holes in screens.

For more information, visit [www.rockville.md.gov/mosquito](http://www.rockville.md.gov/mosquito).

## Save Money and Protect Local Streams with RainScapes Rewards

Single-family homeowners and nonprofits, including religious institutions, private schools and homeowners associations, can receive up to \$3,500 in rebates through Rockville's RainScapes Rewards program.

The program offers rebates for planting trees and conservation landscaping, installing rain barrels or removing pavement — actions that can reduce flooding, decrease pollution in local streams and attract birds and butterflies.

Applications are accepted and approved on a first-come, first-served basis. To be eligible for a rebate, the property must be located within the City of Rockville. Projects must be approved by the RainScapes coordinator before work can begin and must follow the design guidelines outlined in the application packet.

Visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rainscapes). For more information, contact [rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:rainscapes@rockvillemd.gov) or 240-314-8877.

## Painting Begins at Hunting Hill Water Tank

### Rehabilitation of Tank on Lockett Street is on Deck

The city's contractor, Horizon Brothers Painting Corporation, has begun painting the Hunting Hill water storage tank, as part of work to rehabilitate the tank near Lakewood Country Club.

A containment system has been erected outside the tank, at 13890 Glen Mill Road, to protect surrounding property from dust and debris during painting. Work is expected to be completed by early summer.

Work on a second tank, on Lockett Street, across from Beall Elementary School, is scheduled to begin this summer and take up to six months to complete. The city will hold a meeting with neighborhood residents and school officials about the Lockett Street tank, at a date and time to be announced,



likely in May. Residents and school officials will be notified of the meeting by mail.

Rehabilitation of the city's water tanks will significantly extend their lives, maintaining safety and reliability of the water system and resulting in long-term cost savings for city taxpayers.

For more information, contact project manager Ilene Lish at [ilish@rockville.md.gov](mailto:ilish@rockville.md.gov) or 240-314-8516. ✚

## City Invites Residents to Provide Their Ideas for Veirs Mill Road's Future

### Planning Staff to Hold Community Meeting on BRT

Following the Rockville 2040 community listening sessions and citywide forums, Rockville will present a series of ideas for the future of the Twinbrook neighborhoods at a community meeting, 6:30-9 p.m., Thursday, May 18 in the dining room of Glenview Mansion. The focus will be on the Veirs Mill Road corridor.

Montgomery County and the state of Maryland are in the process of designing a bus rapid transit (BRT) system to improve transit service on Veirs Mill Road, connecting the Rockville and Wheaton Metro stations. Montgomery County is preparing a plan for its portion of the Veirs Mill Road corridor, and now is the time for Rockville residents to influence how the city's part of the corridor and the new trans-

sit system could work to benefit the community. Rockville's new Comprehensive Master Plan will designate the city's preferred BRT station locations, and city staff have developed a series of land-use concepts to capitalize on the opportunity.

The Comprehensive Master Plan's goal is to preserve and improve the quality of life in Rockville by guiding development and conservation and ensuring the city's ability to provide high-quality community facilities.

Learn more about Rockville 2040 at [www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/rockville2040), and sign up to receive email updates. For more information, email Ann Wallas at [awallas@rockvillemd.gov](mailto:awallas@rockvillemd.gov) or call 240-314-8200. ✚

## Rockville Delegation's Visit to Germany Marks 60 Years of Sisterhood

A delegation of Rockville officials and members of the Rockville Sister City Corporation will fly to Pinneberg, Germany, in late May for an official visit to celebrate the 60th anniversary of the municipalities' relationship.

"Especially in this day and time, it is vital that we work together and celebrate the commonalities we share as people," Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton said.

Pinneberg is a city of more than 42,000 people, located about 11 miles northwest of Hamburg. The sister city relationship was formed in 1957, originating from President Dwight D. Eisenhower's People-to-People program, administered through the State Department. Rockville's Mayor and Council formally recognized the Pinneberg-Rockville relationship with an Oct. 13, 1957 resolution.



Over the six-decade relationship, both cities have engaged in exchanges — governmental, athletic, educational, artistic and cultural. The Rockville-Pinneberg bond is one of the oldest in formal sister city history.

In October, a delegation organized by Pinneberg's sister city association, the Deutsch-Amerikanischen Gesellschaft Rockville-Pinneberg, will visit Rockville. On Oct. 7, from noon-6 p.m., Rocktoberfest will celebrate the longstanding German-American relationship and the Pinneberg delegation's visit with music and participating breweries.

For more on the Rockville Sister City Corporation, or to become a member, visit [www.rockvillesistercities.org](http://www.rockvillesistercities.org). ✚

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**WE APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS... ZavaZone, the indoor adventure park that celebrated its first anniversary in Rockville in April, was one of 51 companies visited by 34 ambassadors from Rockville Economic Development, Inc. during the annual Business Appreciation Week, April 3-7. Pictured are (L to R): REDI board chairman Paul Newman; Rockville Mayor Bridget Donnell Newton; ZavaZone owner Josh Oboler and Todd Norcutt, director of corporate relations; and REDI Executive Director Laurie Boyer. Companies visited included biotech, cybersecurity, financial, insurance, legal and professional services firms, nonprofits, retailers, restaurants and entertainment venues that account for over 2,600 employees and over 1.1 million square feet of commercial space. Ninety-three percent said a Rockville location enhances their business. To view Rockville 11's report, visit [www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/youtube) and search "ZavaZone." Find video from REDI's Business Appreciation Week wrap-up breakfast on REDI's Facebook page.**



Get Into It

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**VOLUNTEER TO MAKE A DIFFERENCE:** Rockville thrives on the support of community members who lend their time and talents to help their neighbors. The city offers opportunities to volunteer with its Community Services or Environmental Management divisions and Recreation and Parks Department, including through the Rockville Senior Center and teen programs. Find a way to get involved in your community at [www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer](http://www.rockvillemd.gov/volunteer).